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Just a quick note weighing in on the proposed remedies to the Microsoft AntiTrust case.

As a previous owner of a software development firm that was forced to sell out to Microsoft, I can verify first hand that Microsoft; IS a monopoly, HAS a monopoly, ABUSES its monopoly. I thought that was acknowledged legally, in a Federal Court, none the less. Then I read about the "slap on the wrist" measures that the DOJ has agreed to in their proposed settlement. Surely the suppression of rival technologies, suffocation of emerging technologies via FUD press releases, and heavy handed licensing practices warrant far greater remedies than what is proposed in the current settlement. The talking heads say that the DOJ ultimately went soft because of the potential damage to our economy that truly effective penalties would have caused. Well that approach marginalizes the massive damage to innovation and entrepreneurial pursuits that Microsoft's business practices have already caused over the last decade. I urge you to reconsider, withdraw from the current proposed settlement, and work to formulate something that truly sends a stern message to the officers of this criminal corporation. Business as usual at Microsoft should no longer be swept under the rug, shrugged off as the activities of a company that just got "a little aggressive, a little over-competitive." Their policies and attitudes, both towards their competitors and their customers, more resemble a local thug shaking down local businesses for protection money, rather than a respectable member of the business community.

Thank you for your kind attention,

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